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CONSERVATION VISIT OF MARINE MAMMAL EXPERTS

FOR SCI COUNSELOR

REF: MOSCOW 7182

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO

DR. V.A. ZEMSKY, VNIRO, MOSCOW.

DR. V. A. ZEMSKY, VNIRO, MOSCOW.

BEGIN QUOTE BURNS WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW JUNE 2 AT
12:10 P.M. ON PAN AM FLIGHT 044 FROM NEW YORK. FAY WILL
ARRIVE IN LENINGRAD ON JUNE 1 (ARRIVAL TIME UNKNOWN). ALL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAY HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH INTOURIST
AND NO ACTION BY DR. ZEMSKY (OR EMBASSY) IS REQUIRED. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT FAY WILL BE MET IN LENINGRAD BY DR. A. S.
SOKOLOV OF THE ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES. FOR DR. ZEMSKY'S INFORMATION, FAY PLANS TO
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TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ON JUNE 5 AND ATTEND FIRST INTERNATIONAL

THERIOLOGICAL CONGRESS.

BURNS WILL REPRESENT US MARINE MAMMAL LONG-RANGE PLANNING

SUBCOMMITTEE. HE WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING SOVIET COUNTER-PARTS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING ASPECTS OF MARINE MAMMAL PROGRAM.

ON ANOTHER TOPIC, DECEMBER 1973 MEETING OF MARINE MAMMAL WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSED TENTATIVE PLANS FOR A WALRUS SYMPOSIUM TO TAKE PLACE IN THE USSR IN THE FALL OF 1974. PLEASE ADVISE ON STATUS OF CURRENT SOVIET PLANNING, INCLUDING YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON DATES AND PLACE FOR MEETING. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER BRIEFED BURNS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. BURNS' PROGRAM WITHIN SOVIET UNION IS NOT FIRM AND HE HAS SOME INTERESTING REQUESTS FOR CLOSED ZONE TRAVEL WHICH HE PLANS TO RAISE WITH SOVIETS. WHILE SUCCESS OF BURNS' VISIT IS NOT DEPENDENT ON SOVIET APPROVAL OF SUCH TRAVEL THIS TIME, NATURE OF MARINE MAMMALS PROJECT WILL PROBABLY NECESSITATE FUTURE CLOSED ZONE TRAVEL IF COOPERATION IS TO BE PRODUCTIVE. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR SCIENCE OFFICER TO MEET WITH BURNS IF POSSIBLE.
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